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One building is causing a stir

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Set ablaze
Former camp lit up again



DAVE JOHNSON InPort News Staff PORT COLBORNE —

There was a lot of history packed into 12 acres of the Learn Heritage Farm in Sherkston last weekend as

the Niagara Antique Power Association held its 39th annual show. The oldest item on the association's grounds dated

back to at least 1890, with

the newest dating back to the early 1960s, said Reg Tufford,

The antique item from the

1890s was a hot air engine,

which uses the expansion

and contraction air of under the influence of a tempera-

ture change to convert ther-

mal energy into mechanical

work. The newest item on

display, said Tufford, would

have been a tractor from the

association president.



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Showcasing blasts from the past

Caped Crusader ride rolls into Port

CANAL FEST

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PORT COLBORNE — The Caped Crusader and his sidekick Robin were nowhere to be found at Lock 8 Park on Sunday, but his car, the one and only Batmobile was there.

It wasn't the original Batmobile from the 60s TV show, but it was pretty close. Owner Bill Reilich Sr. and his son Bill Reilich Jr. brought the car from their home in Rochester, NX. to the annual Canal Fest Car and Craft Show in Port Colborne.

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DAYE JOHNSON Staff Photo Elmer Neufeld feeds a hay cutter at the annual Niagara Antique Power Association Show in Port Colborne last

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IN ONLY 3 YEARS MICHAEL HAS EARNED THE RANKING OF PORT COLBOR TOP 2010 INDIVIDUAL PRODUCER

Sick Kids benefits from Batmobile, other cars

"I've been collecting cars

for years and never built one before. It's the first car I've built" said Reilich Sr. It took three years to build the Batmobile, which is based on a 1978 Lincoln Continental's body, frame and engine. The fins down each

side and the other parts that make the iconic car instantly recognizable were all based on the very first Batmobile that appeared when the show aired in 1966.

Reilich Sr. said he took a mold of the third Batmobile built by George Barris to ensure the car was an exact replica. Barris was a car customizer who built many cars for celebrities, TV shows and

The original Batmobile had parts from Edsel's on it and Reilich Sr. said those are get-

ting harder to come by these days, but he was able to find parts. Everything a person sees in the car would have been on the original.

"It even shoots a three-foot flame behind it. Adam West even signed the car.

The father and son said this was only the fourth car show the Batmobile has been in and the first time it's left

Asked why he came to the car show in Port Colborne. Reilich Sr. said friends of his Rochester told him about the

Rochester.

"They said it's one of the hest car shows around ... and I was able to make it."

While many adults who grew up watching the original TV show recognize the car. Reilich Sr. sald children as young as fix and six years old know what it is when they see it.

"Everybody knows this car,"

Al Lallouet, organizer of the show with his son Dave, said they tried to get Reilich's Batmobile over last year but the timing didn't work out. But he was glad to see the car, one of 250 on display on

Sunday, come over for this vear's show Lallouet and his son started the car show 17 years ago to help raise funds for Easter Seals' Lakewood Camp in Wainfleet, as a way of giving back and helping those who

needed it

organizations.

When the camp closed, the two switched their fundraising efforts to the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto. To date, the car show has raised \$107,000 for the two

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Jakkie Harrington gives Gord Gibbs' 38 Ford three-window coupe a last minute clean up at the

■ HISTORY



DAVE JOHNSON Staff Photo Brian Pearson operates a foot-powered skill saw at the at the annual Niagara Antique Power Association Show in Port Colborne last Saturday.

Youth learn about life before TVs, toilets

Also on display were gas and steam engines; antique tractors, cars and motorcycles; antique lawn and garden equipment; antique laundry machines and much

Many of the items, said Tufford, would have been things commonly used in Niagara during the various time periods they were built. He said the association strives to made education

one of its goals. "We want to educate the youth and show them what their grandparents or great grandparents would have

been using." Tufford said he was at a show in Northern Ontario once and a group of children being led through an old log cabin asked where things like TVs, telephones and

Canal Fest car show

toilets were. Many, he said, were shocked to learn people didn't have those things. "The youth don't realize what their ancestors had to go through."

One display showed pedal-

and hand-operated grinders number of performers on a that would have been used

enough, there were tractor

pulls, food vendors, a clown

to entertain children and a

stage.
"We'll see between 3,000 many years ago, Tufford said. "Now their parents might and 4,000 people come operate the same kind of through depending on the grinder with just the push of weather. We usually average a button! about 3,500 people. Tufford said the event.

Tufford said while many which ran from Friday, July 1 of the same people return to Sunday, July 3, is becoming year after year, there are more of a family affair each new people that come to the year, with things to see and annual event. do for everyone. If checking out the antique items wasn't

"We get people from across Niagara, London, Ont., New York and Pennsylvania."

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DAVE JOHNSON Staff Photo Logs were cut into pieces of lumber during a demonstration of an old saw mill at the annual Niagara Antique Power Association Show in Port Colborne last

'They were labour-saving devices'

FROM PAGE 2

Members, there are 230 right now with more each day, come from across Niagara and as far away as Pennsylvania and Bracebridge, Ont, Three of the newest members are in their teens and

early 20s, bringing youth into the association to help carry on the traditions. One member on hand for the show was Elmer Neufeld, of Niagara-on-the-Lake, who was running a steam engine

that was operating three machines. Neufeld said the steam engine had a boiler rated for 10 h.p. which could easily run the corn sheller, corn cracker and hay/corn cutter, all at the same

100 years old," he said.

"These machines are between 90 and

Growing up on a farm, Neufeld recalls using a hay/corn cutting machine. He said those machines and the steam engine helped cut down labour not only on farms, but factories as well. "They were labour-saving devices,"

he said Though members like Neufeld are very knowledgeable about their machines, every now and then a visitor will show or tell them something they didn't know. Tufford said.

He learned that a 1940s chainsaw that he had, had a lever that would turn the blade so the saw didn't have to be turned to cut.

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CANAL FEST

250 cars line up Lock 8

In the last six years, all of the funds were directed to the hospital. It was also six years ago that Lallouet's one grandson was admitted to the hospital

That gave him a first-hand look at the facility and the care the doctors and nurses put toward their patients.

"They're wonderful people at the hospital and they really care about their patients:

Lallouet hoped to raise at least \$5,000 for the hospital on Sunday through gate admissions. "It would be great if we could get above that," he said, adding

the most ever raised was \$10,000 While the father and son spend six months of the year going to car shows and meets to raise aware-

DAVE JOHNSON Staff Photo

Bill Reilich Jr., front, and Bill Reilich Jr., back, polish up the Batmobile at Canal Fest Car and Craft Show last Sunday in Port Colborne ness of Canal Fest, the day of the said there's about a 30% turn over

event they have a lot of volunteers. "We have about 30 people on "People want to get into this show the grounds who help us and who

and it helps keep the show fresh." Some people don't come back to the show because they'd

but we get people we don't even know coming up to us ... they just sold their cars or had another want to help out. They know that commitment we don't keep any of the money, it Gord Gibbs and Jakkie Harrington have been to the show

With 250 pre-registered cars, about five shows. They didn't the limit of the show, volunteers attend some because they had no help organize them into one of 34 car to show at the time classes spread out across the park Gibbs had a 1928 Essex that he

which sits right alongside Lock 8 brought to the show, but later sold Out of all the cars that do com-The car he had on Sunday was his black 38 Ford three-window

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to the show from across Ontario. New York and beyond, Lallouet coune.



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(maybe I should) but being a pastor I

feel like I have to tie these ramblings

to some faith perspective. In a life of

of us go through. In some churches

there is Confirmation or Affirmation

of Baptism. In other c hurches there's

a Believer's Baptism. Some Christians

point to a time in their lives when they

have a dramatic, life changing.

conversion experience. Some can

had a sense of being "born again."

Maybe another can remember some

"a-ha" moment when questions about

None of these moments is an ending

but a new beginning, a continuation on

the journey of faith, a commencement.

The life of faith is a constant journey

continues beyond the grave. While

mountain-moving faith and other

we continue on this pilgrimage there

may be times when we feel we possess

times when we wonder where we could

possibly come up with a mustard seed

that lasts a whole lifetime and

their faith and the reality about their

relationship with God became more

faith there are "milestones" that many

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■OUIVIEW

Development charges

Wainfleet is currently looking at instituting development charges that could be some of the highest in Niagara if a proposed report is accepted and passed by council. Residential development charges would be \$6.714, making it the fifth highest in Niagara and surrounding area, and nonresidential development charges could be \$3.96 a square foot, making it the third highest.

Both rates are only proposals at this stage. They came in a report from Watson and Associates, who was hired by the township to come up with the rates.

Development charges are a way for municipalities to recover capital costs associated with residential and non-residential growth. Those capital costs can cover such things as roads. sidewalks, streetlights, fire protection and administration. Cool said all municipalities can impose the fees which are calculated on the type and amount of growth that takes place

One resident told council he's opposed to the charges and called them a tax grab. The resident, it turns out, is a developer as well, so he has a vested interest in development charges While the fees set out in the report are high, we're hopeful council will look at them more closely and bring them down a bit.

If the rates are too high, developers, new homes builders and new businesses may think twice about moving to Wainfleet. They'll go where the costs are less.

If Wainfleet can find a good balance on the charges, we're sure people will still come to the area to build. We do understand the need for development charges. As

much as people don't like, new residential and nonresidential growth does add a strain on to existing systems of a

While Wainfleet doesn't have water and sewer lines to run into new subdivisins, those subdivisions require new roads. Those new roads mean more upkeep for a municipality, whether it be snow plowing or regular maintenance. It's not just roads, fire services and town administration feel an additional strain with an increase in homes.

Busy weekend

Port Colborne was the place to be last weekend With Canada Day celebrations and Flavours of Niagara at H.H. Knoll Park, the city was busy.

The Niagara Antique Power Association's annual show was also on in Sherkston, drawing people from across the region, Ontario and beyond

The city should look at partnering with the power association. Maybe some food vendors could attend the show and maybe some association members could take some of

their items to the park. A cross-promotion could help both events and the city in the

I'VE REEN THINKING

The life of faith is a constant journey

REV THOMAS ARTH First Evangelical Lutheran Church

So school's out for summer. I don't mind one bit. For a couple of months I don't have to get up with the alarm clock. The kids aren't stressed with homework, projects, assignments, tests. My wife gets a reprieve from packing lunches for four children, five nights a week. I'm not one of those who looks forward to September because we get the kids out of the house Monday to Friday. I actually like my kids and I like having them around. With the end of the school year

come certain ceremonies. When my youngest finished kindergarten, Mrs. 'T' his teacher had a certain ritual that the kids went through. There was a line across the threshold of the door and the kids lined up and one after the other jumped over that line. As they landed in the hallway she told them they were no longer in kindergarten, they were Grade 1 students from that time on. Toward the end of the school year.

at my girls' high school and at my boys' public school, they have awards assemblies where they recognize the outstanding achievements of certain students. These awards are both for academic achievement and for being outstanding citizens in their schools and communities.

This year my oldest daughter was part of another ceremony. This year she graduated from high school, I fully expected that I'd get choked up and maybe shed a tear or two when that happened but incredibly I held it together. Her mother and I were very proud and couldn't really believe that we're old enough to have a child who

The graduation ceremony

was finished with high school. sometimes has a different name. At my daughter's ceremony, in the program they handed out, the terms were used interchangeably. It's was called, either graduation or commencement. While the students had completed their studies for a year, and finished their time at that particular school, most of them were going on to something more. Just like the kindergarten students jumping over that thresbold to the next grade, those Grade 12 grads were heading off to the working world, an apprenticeship, or college or university

It's never a complete ending. We found that out the very next day when we attended a Smart Start day with our daughter at Brock University. She's not finished learning. She's embarking on four years of study in a new place, with new people, and in a new way. A number of times they told us that their university education was not going to be like high school. It's going to be a brand new beginning.

That's why I like the word commencement for that ceremony that marked the end of high school. It's not an ending. It's a brand new beginning. This September she'll be "commencing" with the next stage of her education. And looking another four years down the road (although I really don't want to rush things along) when she "graduates" from university, whether she goes on to post-graduate studies or into the workforce, it won't be a complete ending but a brand new beginning, a commencement, a new phase in a lifetime of learning. Now I could end things there

of faith The thing to keep in mind, for our daughter and all her fellow classmates who are embarking on the next leg on their educational journey, and

for all of us who travel on our faith journey, is that we are not alone. We have friends and family who journey with us. We have church families and communities of faith who live with the same struggles and are there to support one another as we go. And ultimately we have our Lord, the God who created us and loves us and walks with us and delights in the discoveries and the

experiences we have along the way.

■readers'views

Thanks for a special holiday On behalf of the board of directors

and members of Le Centre polyvalent des aines francophones de Port Colborne, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many people who helped in making our first annual Festival St Jean a huge success.

First of all, the centre must recognize the efforts of Souzy Brunet-Rankin as the administrator of the festival. Mrs. Brunet-Rankin was responsible for the planning, scheduling and preparation of the event. The event relied heavily on the coming together of several sec-tors of citizens of Port Colborne and it

was Mrs. Brunet-Rankin that organized all of the meetings to ensure a smooth One major sector of citizens that our

festival focused on was the francophone elementary students of Saint Joseph school. On that note I would also like to thank Mrs Muriel Thibault-Gauthier. principal of Saint-Joseph school, for giving our centre and especially Mrs. Brunet-Rankin her support in ensuring the success of this intergenerational event. A great big thank-you goes out to the children of Saint-Joseph school for helping with some of the games and for bringing a very contagious enthusiasm for the wonderful cultural event.

Our centre would also like to underline the outstanding efforts of all of the volunteers for our Festival St Jean. From the 7:45 am start of preparations to the end of clean-up after 4:00 pm, the volunteers who helped out that day worked diligently. Finally, Le Centre polyvalent des aines francophones de Port Colborne would like to thank the very generous donations given by the many sponsors for this event. Please see our website, www.centreainesfrancophones.ca, for a full list of sponsors.

Rose-Marie Robert, president Port Colborne

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4 Men in a Yurt aided Port Cares

The Reaching Out and Changing Lives Capital Campaign thermometer went up a few more degrees thanks to four men, several generous sponsors and you, the people of Port Colborne

After our well-attended vurt event, May 18-20, here at Port Cares, 92 Charlotte St., the campaign was \$22,000 closer to its goal. We were also 2,000 lbs, heavier at the Port Colborne community food bank.

Sponsors stepping up to show their support for the event included Boggio Pharmacy, Smokin' Buddha, Royal LePage, Minacs, Whites Insurance Brokers and Dr. Vanessa Ashworth, chiropractor, Thanks to the 4 Men in the Yuri

- David Hawkins, David Barrick, David Elliott and Mike Sloat - for the inspiration and for your dedication to seeing it through to the end.

Lynda Reinhart Port Colborne

Time to enter the new green energy age without fear

Re: Andrew Watts' letter to the editor, June 21, Build them, but don't subsidize them

Gosh, what happened? Somehow Andrew ended up being responsible for free trade agreements and job losses. How did you get that idea? Go back, read my original

Let me tell you about my solar panels, which I put up mainly because green energy is the fledgling tree which is going to give us shelter some day. You have nothing against it.

because it's not taxpayers' money - well I am a taxpayer and it is my money, so in a sense it is. See how it gets complicated?

And that is different from the coal-fired electricity plant in Nanticoke which was built with taxpayers' dollars, millions of dollars spent before it ever produced its first kilowatt of power. The money I spent was out of my own pocket.

I feed the power from my array into the grid. To Nanticoke you pay 20 cents/kWh, just for the service, but you have already paid with taxes to build it. To me, you pay 80 cents/kWh, but you did not have to pay for the array.

What's unfair about that?

The taxpayer is probably getting a better deal, all things considered. The added benefit of small arrays in different parts of the province is the distance-loss problem is eliminated

When electricity travels long distances, there is substantial loss. I read the total production of one coal-fired plant is lost on the push in the grid. Imagine, all that coal burned, air polluted and it doesn't

even turn one light bulb on. The money I spent on the array created work for workers and an engineer. They paid taxes, so did I, on the project, and I probably won't see the total expense returned in my lifetime. No matter. You have to know which boat to take.

Andrew, when you see economic failure worldwide, you are looking at the result of an oil/coal/ nuclear based greed economy, that preaches more is better, and as long as I make money I don't care

But we are in the process of being taught differently. Money means nothing if you don't have clean air and clean water. It's at the critical point now, when we have ruined so much of the world's ecosystem that we depend on, that it's getting

It'd be easier, had we started 20 vears ago.

The infant green economy is suffering from the economic melt-

down; it's not the cause of it. There is no substance to your claim it has failed world wide. Rather it's up and coming.

Germany is aiming at 20% green power, not bad eh? If you want to see these huge industrial machines. take your bike and go to Lowbanks Impressive, no ugly wiring, clean, straight, efficient.

And by the way, I climbed up inside one of those "quaint Dutch windmills" - way bigger than the lovely picture would have you

So yes, I do hope my grandchildren will have a future, made possible by clean energy; that they will not fall for more stuff as we didthat they will treasure life, all life and understand that we are interdependent, within the community, the country, the nations, the animal kingdom, the plants, earth, water, air - the planet, in one word.

For that to happen, we have to take the first step, and face in a new direction. I know, it's scary, but don't be afraid. We can do it.

Doris Toenn Port Colhorne

What new green energy age? I have to say that Doris Toepp's

letter chastising me for not being a believer reminded me of being stood in front of a class at elementary school and scolded for daring to not agree with teacher.

Sadly we see green energy in totally different ways.

I would love to live in Doris's dream world where 'green energy is good and so someday will tri umph over the 'evil empire' of nuclear coal and other fossil fuels I would love to believe in the success she claims other countries are enjoying from green energy.

Anyone who would not welcome an efficient and economical alternative green energy to replace existing nuclear coal and other fossil fuel would have to be pretty dumb

However, such efficient and economical alternatives do not exist apart from in Doris's dream world and she actually inadvertantly highlights them in her own letter if she would only do the research.

Germany. Great if they can actually produce 20% of their power from 'green energy' in the next 20 years. Perhaps Doris can tell us where the other 80% is going to come from? Following the

nuclear tragedy in Japan, Germany's knee ierk response was to plan on shutting down their nuclear industry to satisfy their

environmentalist lobby. They were already committed to building at least five new coal fired plants to back up inefficient and unreliable 'green energy'. If wind and solar can only provide 20% by 2030 perhaps Doris can explain how Germany will make up the shortfall left if they actually do shut down their

nuclear plants? More coal? Perhaps

'natural' gas? Natural? It's another

fossil fuel.

And whilst I can only applaud Doris's decision to invest in solar power, as she can obviously afford to do so, claiming that somehow my taxes are hers by right, to subsidise a several hundred percent markup she receives over the real market value p/kWh. because she chose to pay for her array and I didn't is an argument that truly defies any real world economic logic or common

I have been to Lowbanks and stood by those industrial machines. Didn't do a thing for me and I have no wish to see any closer than that. Maybe Doris should go and speak to the Lowbanks resident who has moved his garden chair inside his garage where he now spends his summer afternoons. He can't explain why, but he just cannot bear to have to look at them.

Perhaps she can explain why they continually turn even when there is no wind? Or why they do not appear on any existing list of industrial wind turbines contributing to the Ontario grid? You'd think the folks promoting wind energy in this area would be proud to prove how much the Lowbanks turbines are benefitting Lowbanks and its residents? If this letter is printed and Doris responds perhaps as a proponent herself she will be able to answer the above questions? I look forward to it. Andrew Watts

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Mayor Vance Badeway cut the cake with the help of Zoey Snider during Port Colborne's Canada Day celebration at H.H. Knoll Park. Also pictured are Jordan Badeway and Savannah and Sierra Prokopetz who helped serve the dessert.

Port shows its true colours — red and white

LINDSAY COSTELLO For InPort News

Port Colborne residents showed their pride on Canada Day with a celebration at H.H. Knoll Park during the Flavours of Niagara festival. Steel drum band, the Tropical

Islanders, entertained the crowd in the afternoon followed by a performance of the national anthem.

Late in the afternoon, cake was

Late in the afternoon, cake was served to visitors, most of which were dressed in red and white in honour of the country's 144th birthday. Celebrations ended with a bang as

fireworks lit up the sky at 10 p.m.
Canada Day set the tone for a funfilled weekend in the city.

HERITAGE HOMAGE

The Niagara Antique Power Association paid tribute to our ancestors this past weekend with their display of machinery and equipment from long ago.

In its 39th year, the group's heritage display was a window into the past with everything from vehicles to farm equipment to engines.
Having only five members when it first began, the association created the event in order to show the public what life was like without modern

"It shows the younger generations what our ancestors started out with," said Reg Tufford, Niagara Antique Power Association president. Spanning three days, the event took

Spanning three days, the event took place at the Learn Heritage Farm in Skerkston was open to the public from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. all weekend.

The heritage display features a variety of attractions that Tufford said were both entertaining and educational. While there was many displays set

While there was many displays set up throughout the weekend, this year's feature was a collection of antique motorcycles. The group worked with the Niagara division of the Canadian

Vintage Motorcycle Club to bring this display to life. Tufford said that by bringing in crafters and children's activities, the event offers something for everyone. "It's become a family affait." he said.

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LINDSAY COSTELLO InPort News Photo Bill Reilich of Rochester, N.Y., brought a replica of the Batmobile used in the 1960s television series to the Canal Fest Car and Craft Show on Sunday. The car was made using a mould to resemble the original Batmobile and is equipped with all of the same gadgets.

Annual car show raises funds for Sick Kids Hospital

FROM PAGE 7 CAR CRAZY

COSTFILO

Automobile enthusiasts flocked to Port Colborne this past weekend for the annual Canal Fest Car and Craft

Lock 8 Park was full of excitement on Sunday as it became home to 250 classic

The idea for the show came 17 years ago when Al Lallouet and his son Dave decided to share their love of cars while raising money for a good cause. The pair has been putting on the show every year since and has

raised more than \$100,000 for charity. All proceeds from this year's event will benefit Sick Kids Hospital

Lallouet said he and his son begin preparations for the show every January and travel to similar car shows to promote their event.

While the pair does all of the preparations themselves. they have a crew of about 30 volunteers on show day to help keep things running smoothly.

"It's been very good," Lallouet said of the show. "We've got some really nice care here

He said this year's event was well attended by the public and that bringing in some cars that were new to the show gave viewers a chance to see something different than they might be used to.

Canal Fest is unlike other car shows because it sees the cars divided into classes by model and year. Each class is parked accordingly so that viewers can find exactly what they are looking for. This year's show featured 34 classes and saw 16 independent judges ranking the vehicles using a point system to determine the top vehicles.

In addition to the cars the avent also features crafters who sold handmade items such as the unique wood carvings and decorative vehicles made from aluminum cans that were for sale



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DAVE JOHNSON Staff Photo Lucas Paxton of The Smokin' Buddha in Port Colborne cooks some pork gyoza and eggplant at the Flavours of Niagara food festival last weekend.

■ NEW STORE: Unique items to be found

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InPort News Staff

PORT COLBORNE -Laptop bags made of recycled air bags, seatbelts and car upholstery; women's dresses made from men's shirts;

recycled tires made into notebooks Those are just some of the recycled and upcycled accessories, art and decor

items that can be found at Port Colborne's newest store, Something Else. The store at 244 West St., owned by former newspaper owner Gail Todd, opened

Todd says the idea for the store has been with her for

"Growing up we never ditched stuff ... you never knew when you might need something later. We all have those drawers full of rubber

With a surge in popularity of upcycled and recycled items, she decided to open the store

All but 1% of her goods which also includes off-lots. extra or wrong orders of mens and womens clothing comes from Canada. She has one supplier based in Seattle,

She's even sourced local and Niagara-area artists and artisans for things like jewelry,

metal sculptures and artwork "Every item in here has a story," Todd says, adding the metal sculptures are done by a woman whose husband taught her to weld. When she was still publishing a paper in Port Colborne, the location of her new store, the former Mahaffey Drug Store at the corner of West and Clarence

Sts., always appealed to her. "I just really missed Port Colborne, and wanted to come back ... Port was always so good to me

The store will be open seven days a week. Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Something

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Fabulous Flavours

DAVE JOHNSON InPort News Staff PORT COLBORNE - There

were steady crowds all weekend long for the fifth Flavours of Niagara Food, Wine and Music Festival, said the city's special events co-ordinator. "Flavours was absolutely fabulous," Allaina Kane said Sunday afternoon as the

three-day festival started to wind down. She estimated the crowds that passed through the gates at H.H. Knoll Lakeview Park to be somewhere in the neighbourhood of 15,000 people. Kane said Saturday night was especially busy as More

Bad News and the Horns from Hell, a popular Niagara band, drew in a large number of supporters "They (the band) brought

out a wonderful crowd that was happy to be there." Kane said vendors were

reporting brisk business throughout the weekend and were close to being out of food at the end of Sunday. Some vendors had to send people back to their restaurants or make phone calls to have more food brought in on Priday and Saturday

"It was really nice to see them so busy. There were no complaints from any of the Kane said many people commented on the atmo-

sphere of the event, which benefitted from the sun shinning all weekend and a good breeze coming in off Lake

"There were a lot of comments about the variety of food and the setup. We're looking at bringing in a few more vendors next year to offer more variety," she said.

Two of those who commented about the food were Mike and Jolene Adamo, who came down from Niagara Falls to check out the festival. They'd heard about it through Bryan Theal, vendor co-ordinator for the event.

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Mike was sampling Caribbean Flavah's curry goat, rice and salad and said it was good. It was something he's never had before. Jolene was trying a pulled

pork slider from Hank Daddy's Barbecue. "It's good," she said.

Frank Caputo, of Hank Daddy's Barbecue in Maple north of Toronto, said Flavours is one of the better festivals he's attended, "The people are very friendly from the top on down. The organizers are great and everything is set up for you. The only problem he

vendors, was the demand for their items was so high, they ran completely out of food at 7:30 p.m. Friday. Caputo said that at other

festivals, that would usually elicit a not-so-nice response from those waiting, but at Flavours the crowd was very

"People were very understanding. It's the second year for the vendor at the show and he hopes to be back next year. Kerrie Sammut of Fort Erie was grabbing some food from

Hank Daddy's as well, but said she'd sampled others as well. "The pork is so good," she said as she ate a pulled-pork parfait.

Sammut, a former Port Colborne resident, had also tried food from The Smokin' Buddha and said it was "great." Gary and Sharon Parfitt came down from Welland and said they try not to miss

They too were both digging into a pulled-pork parfait. "Oh, my goodness," said Sharon as she took a bite.

Gary Parfitt said the two had also tried grilled shrimp from The Rex Hotel, based in Welland.

The two said Flavours was a perfect mix of food, wine and music, and they liked the fact music could be heard around the park as they walked encountered, as did other around sampling the food.



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laking a break from his curry goat, with nice and salad, mike Adamo, right, looks at his wife Joelene's silder. The Niagara Falls couple visited Port Colborne last Saturday to check out the food at Flavours of Niagara.



Frank Caputo of Hank Daddy's Barbecue slathers some of his secret sauce on a rack of ribs last. Saturday at Flavours of Niagara.





ABOVE: A crowd of people wait for food at Hanky Daddy's Barbeque at Flavours of Niagara in Port Colborne last weekend.

LEFT: Sharon and Gary Parfitt try a pork parfait last Saturday at Flavours of Niagara. The Welland couple try not to miss the Port Colborne festival saying its a perfect mix of food, wine and music.

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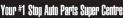
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FLEETER FEST RETURNS WAINFLEET - The second annual

Fleeter Fest takes place July 9, at Long Beach Country Club, just west of the Long Beach Conservation Park. This is a fundraising event for the Wainfleet Ratepayers Association. Fun will begin 2 p.m. and run until midnight with

games, food (including sausage on a bun and pulled pork), drink and live music This year's bands will be Summerfield. Hollynation and White Frost, with music beginning at 2:30 p.m. Tickets may be purchased in advance at 905-835-8262 for \$5, or \$7 at the door the day of the event. Bring a lawnchair.

■ ROAD NAME: Consent needed for name change

Border conflict between Port Colborne, Wainfleet

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PORT COLBORNE - Chief administrative officer Rob Heil said Wainfleet overstepped its authority when choosing a new name for Townline Rd.

Wainfleet can't change the name without the consent of the City of Port Colborne," he said. At a recent council meeting, Heil

said decisions with respect to traffic control and signage on roads along the municipal border must be approved by both municipal councils, and Wainfleet did not discuss the new signs with Port Colborne prior to changing the signs. The township installed new signs along its side of the road this spring,

identifying it as "Port Colborne Wainfleet Townline Rd. N." from Forks Rd. and "Port Colborne Wainfleet Townline Rd. S." from Hwy. 3. Signs on the Port Colborne side still say Townline Rd. Wainfleet CAO Scott Luey said Heil

is correct that the township can't unilaterally change the name of a border road. But, Luey added, the township didn't do that — owther than to add the "S." and "N." at the end to clearly indicate the location. Luey said the name Port Colhorne

Wainfleet Townline Rd. is the same name that has historically been on the township's records. "We're just putting the word 'south' on the end During the council meeting, Heil

- who was CAO of Wainfleet prior to Luey - said as far as Port Colborne is concerned, the name of the road remains Townline Rd. "That's the name in Port Colborne

and it was the name in Wainfleet."



he said, adding Wainfleet's bylaw to add the new signs "really doesn't mean anything at this point"

"I'm not going to give my views with respect to legal advice, but if there's an accident or something along that road and somebody's trying to go



may be some liability there," Heil said. But Luey said "safety" was the reason the township looked at street name changes throughout

the community. He said Wainfleet, for instance, previously had Townline Rds. at its border with Port Colborne as well as its border with Dunnville, which could lead to confusion among emergency responders.

The changes were made at the suggestion of the township's former fire chief. Tom Cartwright, who is currently Port Colborne's chief, Luey added. "We want to be good neighbours. We

want to do everything the right way and get along and everything," Luey added. Heil said Port Colborne's name for the road will not change unless city council decides to change it.

And If someone living on the Port Colborne side of the street receives notice of the name change, "the notice is illegal." Heil added.

Port Colborne Wainfleet Townline Rd. N.

DAVE JOHNSON Staff Photo The Township of Wainfleet has changed the name of Townline Rd. to Port Colborne Wainfleet Townline Rd

LUCY'S CAFE: 17 years and still cooking



Lucia Overholt cooks up some handmade Italian Food at her Port Colborne restaurant, Lucy's Cafe, last Thursday as she celebrated 17 years in business with a garden patio party around the back of the 90 Nickel St. location. Beside Overholt is Paulina Ironsides who has worked at the restaurant, which makes everything fresh every day, for 14 years. Overholt said her restaurant is open Tuesday through Sunday, does catering and is now at the Port Colborne Farmers' Market on Fridays.



Wainfleet looking into development charges

DAVE JOHNSON InPort News Staff

WAINFLEET - The township could end up with some of the highest development charges in Niagara if a proposed report is accepted and passed by council. Residential development

charges would be \$6,714, making it the fifth bighest in Niagara and surrounding area, and nonresidential development charges could be \$3.96 a square foot, making it the third highest. Both rates are only propos-

als at this stage. Those charges would be nothing short of a tax grab. one resident told aldermen last week as Jamie Cook, an

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economist with Watson and Associates, presented his firm's draft report. Frank Memme, a Deeks

Rd, resident, told council he's totally against development charges. "Since Day 1 they have

been a tax grab for all municipalities Memme spoke for nearly 40 minutes about the proposed development charges. saying they were unfair to people building new homes and those in the non-residen-

tial sector Development charges are a way for municipalities to recover capital costs associated with residential and non-residential growth. Those capital costs can cover

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walks, streetlights, fire protection and administration. Cook said all municipalities can impose the fees which are calculated on the type

and amount of growth that takes place. The township has huge costs and very little revenue sources. As costs go up,

where do we generate that revenue?" Wainfleet Ald, David Wyatt

His firm looked at growth forecasts for Wainfleet for the next 10 to 20 years and it showed a population increase of 595 people in 10 years and 1,147 in 20 years. The number of residential homes will increase by 270 in 10 years and 525 in 20 years.

Ald. Betty Konc said it is a huge document to look through - it's 129 pages long and she wondered what would happen if the growth figures did not pan out as predicted.

"We can revisit the growth plan and see if it should be revised upwards or downwards," Cook said, noting a development charge bylaw typically has a span of five

Ald. David Wyatt said development charges are a double-edged sword and they bave pros and cons. He said they are one way of generating revenue, even though it is

a one-time only generation. "The township has huge costs and very little revenue sources. As costs go up, where do we generate that revenue?" Wyatt said the township

could raise taxes, but no one wants that

"No one wants development charges, but everyone has an expectation of services they think are free, but there are costs associated with those services," he said. Andrew Watts applauded

council on its decision to look at development charges. He said it fits in with everything else council has been doing since the start of its term. He suggested council slap large development charges on industrial wind turbines. Watts has spoken against proposed turbines in Wainfleet in the past.

"If they (wind companies) can make a profit, why can't you," he said.

BUILDING: Stricter signage bylaw sought

Mayor: 'Quite frankly, it looks like crap'

InPort News Staff

PORT COLBORNE -Mayor Vance Badawey isn't about to allow a building to continue looking "like crap on a street where almost \$6 million is being spent on a beautification project. Linda Sloat, president

of the Gateway Business Improvement Area, was at a recent council meeting, asking councillors to put stricter signage bylaws in place within the community improvement plan (CIP) area along Main St.

"There has been millions of dollars spent on the Main St. CIP, and you can see when you drive down there that numerous businesses are spending thousands of dollars to fix up their buildings." In the midst of that, she

said, there is one building that has been boarded up for 10 years, "with multiple signs on it advertising a business that is not at that location." She said it's bringing down the value of neighbouring properties.

Sloat said other communities have bylaws in place to stop "vacant buildings to be used as billboards," and she asked Port Colborne to adopt a similar policy.

City council instructed planner Dan Aquilina to research sign bylaws in other communities to deal with such problems.

Badawev knew the property she was referring to, although the building was not identified during the meeting. He said it's a problem that has "gone on long enough." "Quite frankly, it looks like crap. Bottom line," Badawey said. "To condone that kind of activity in our community is just simply unacceptable. He said almost \$6 million

is being invested in the area. and the city has taken a "big step forward with the work that we've done in that part of the community." To stop short by allowing

this type of activity to bappen is taking a step backwards," Radawes



"I know it's easy to say this is someone's property, but we have to be disciplined to accomplish what we set out

to do.

"There are going to be some hard decisions we have to make, but quite frankly the person sitting in this chair is prepared to make them," he said. "If I'm going to be criti-cized than so be it."

Ward 3 Coun. Bea Kenny said the building is used for storage for a business in Port Colborne, and because the same company owns the building the company has the right to put a sign up adver-

Aquilina said the city's existing bylaws allow for the types of signs currently on the building.

The owner of the building did not return a phone call to

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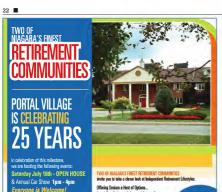
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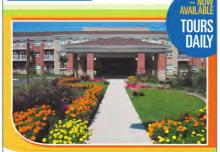


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■ HOUSE: Building destroyed in blaze

Arson suspected in fire

DAVE JOHNSON InPort News Staff

WAINFLEET — Firefighters and tanker trucks from Haldimand County and Port Colborne assisted Wainfleet firefighters in battling a house fire in front of Lakewood Camp early last

Saturday morning.
Wainfleet fire Chief Chris Cole said arson is suspected as the cause of the fire at the home, which was formerly the residence of the camp administrator and which was unoccupied at the

"There was no hydro or other services in the home," said Cole. Firefighters were first called out at

2:17 a.m. and were on scene until 8:10 a.m. extinguishing the blaze. Twenty-four Wainfleet firefighters, nine Haldimand County firefighters

and two Port Colborne firefighters were at the call, said the chief. "I asked Haldimand for manpower because its station is closer than Port

Colborne's."

Haldimand County Station #7 is on North Shore Dr. in Lowbanks, only eight kilometres from the fire scene.

When Wainfleet firefighters first

arrived on scene, they went into the home, which has sat empty of years now, but the chief pulled them out after it became too dangerous for them to remain inside.

The whole home was eventually pulled down by machinery upon the fire chief's request due to safety

"We knew where the fire started and we took pictures." Cole said a call was placed to the

Ontario Fire Marshal's office and Niagara Regional Police due to the suspicious nature of the fire.

"We do suspect arson," he said, adding police would be taking over the investigation of the fire. Asked if there was concern over more fires at the former Easter Seals Camp

due to the number of remaining buildings on site, and that a fire was set there last year, Cole said there would be a meeting between the township and the property owner.

Last year's fire was set in the main hall of the former camp. That hall is still standing

Cole said the owner of the property was to put a fence up around the remains of the fire.

■ GOLF COURSE RD.: Contractor had issue with emulsion

Rain slows Wainfleet road work

DAVE JOHNSON InPort News Staf

WAINFLEET — Paving and resurfacing of roads in the township is well underway, director of operations Greg Wuisman told council last week. Wuisman spoke about the roads

after Ald. Betty Konc said she received a number of angry complaints about Golf Course and Rathfon Rds. "People want assurances the treatment (on the road) will get better," Konc said.

Wulsman said both roads were recently treated with an emulsion and aggregate, commonly called tar and chip, and while the Rathfon Rd. treatment was successful, there was a problem with Golf Course Rd.

"We had a heavy rainfall on Golf Course Rd. before the emulsion had cured and it was washed away. The contractor contacted the Ministry of Environment and took corrective action right away."

He said the emulsion (tar) that washed off the road was removed by the contractor and more aggregate (stone) was put down to absorb the emulsion.

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Though both roads, and a section of
Augustine Rd., seem like gravel roads
because of the treatment, Wuisman said

There is loose stone on the roads, but it will be compacted as more cars and trucks drive over it.

"We rely on cars and trucks ... they push the stone into the emulsion. It will look like a gravel road for a couple of weeks." He said in about a month the road surface will look like a paved road and people won't be able to led the difference between the before and after, to ther than the cracks in the road being gone and the surface being smooth once seein.

Wuisman said both Golf Course and Rathfon Rds. were originally what are called hot-mix asphalt surfaces, but were resurfaced by the emulsion and aggregate treatment.

"To do hot-mix asphalt we would have had to mill and grind the roads up." A hot-mix asphalt treatment, which

also includes building an underlying base, of those roads and others in the township would have increased costs beyond what is in the roads budget for this year. Wulsman said Augustine Rd. will have

its base torn up and replaced, but no hot-mix asphalt will be used. He said the emulsion and aggregate replacement will be just as good as the original road.

Other roads in the township receiving the emulsion and aggregate treatment this year include Walnut Hill, Summerland, Dreamland, First and Second Sts., Fowler Rd, Hawk Rd, and

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TIPS: Tipsters remain anonymous

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WAINFLEET — Since its inception in 1985, tips called in to Crime Stoppers of Niagara have led to close to \$30 million in drugs seized in the region and nearly \$6 million in stolen property recovered.

"More than \$8 million in drugs have been seized in the first half of 2011," Stu Black, Crime Stoppers executive director, told Wainfleet council recently.

"We've done well on our own, but we can do better with your help," he said.

Black was before council to present some facts about Crime Stoppers and to ask for whatever help the township could offer.

He said one thing council and the public needed to know is that when someone calls Crime Stoppers, they are not calling the police.

"It is run by a volunteer group of divisors. We note on

group of citizens. We pass on information we receive by phone, e-mail or text."

e-mails sent to Crime Stoppers are automatically encrypted. All a person has to do is use the word Niagara in either, and the message will be passed on.

"Everything is anonymous. We collect the tips and the tipster is treated as a confidential informant and will never have to go to court, meet with police or ever be identified."

Cash rewards are done on a scale through Crime Stoppers, the more serious the crime, the higher the reward. The cash can be awarded upon an arrest or conviction of a person and Black said a person uses a number at a bank to get the cash with no questions asked.

tips led to a certain bust ... we can't break that confidentiality," he said, reiterating that Crime Stoppers is separate from police.

Stoppers is separate from police. Council was asked to help support the program in any way it could, whether it was placing signs around the township and inside its facilities or putting Crime Stoppers stick-

ers on township vehicles.
"We're just trying to get our
message out there," said Black.
Alds. David Wyatt and
Richard Dykstra spoke about
signs, with Wyatt suggesting
Crime Stoppers signs might
deter those who want to set up
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Dykstra put forward a motion, which was passed unanimously, for township staff to explore the possibility of putting Crime Stoppers logos on township vehicles.

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